2014 University of Arizona Football

Thursday, Oct. 2 // Eugene, Ore. // Autzen Stadium Final Score: Arizona 31, #2 Oregon 24

Postgame Notes

- Arizona moves to 5-0 for the first time since 1998.
- The Wildcats knocked off an Oregon team ranked in the Associated PressTop 25 for the second year in a row (42-16 over No. 5 Ducks last year in Tucson). Arizona also defeated No. 2 Oregon in Tucson on Nov. 15, 2007.
- Arizona has defeated an Associated Press Top 25 team in 10 of the last 11 seasons and in each year under Rich Rodriguez. The third-year coach is now 4-8 against ranked teams with the school.
- The Wildcats upset an APTop 25 on the road for the first time since upended No. 20 USC, 21-17, at the LA Memorial Coliseum on Dec. 5, 2009.
- All-time, Arizona is now 44-105-1 against APTop 25 teams.
- Arizona won its sixth-straight game dating back to the 2013 season. The last time Arizona won six games in a row since it closed out a 12-1 campaign in 1998 with seven-consecutive victories.
- Redshirt freshman quarterback Anu Solomon finished the game 20-of-31 passing for 287 yards and a touchdown. In the second half, Solomon was 13-of-18 for 217 yards and a touchdown.
- The Wildcats gained 20 first downs in the second half alone (29 for the game).
- Arizona had an advantage on third downs in the game. The Wildcats converted 9-of-17 overall, including 7-of-9 in the second half. Oregon struggled to a 4-of-14 clip, including 1-of-5 in the second half.
- The Wildcats outgained the Ducks, 495 to 446 in the contest. In the second half, the Wildcats racked up 323 yards of total offense.
- The running back combination of Terris Jones-Grigsby and Nick Wilson provided a significant edge for the Wildcats. Jones-Grigsby ran for 115 yards on a career-best 27 carries, and punched in the game-winning touchdown with 2:54 remaining in the game. Jones-Grigsby added a career-high 95 receiving yards on four receptions. Added with Wilson's 92 rushing yards (and two scores) along with 34 rushing yards (and another score), the backs racked up 336 all-purpose yards and accounted for the game.
- Arizona topped 100-yards rushing a team for the 27th-consecutive game. The only time the Wildcats have been held under the century mark in the Rich Rodriguez era was the last visit to Eugene on Sept. 22, 2012.
- Terris Jones-Grigsby's career-long 54-yard reception in the third quarter helped convert a key third down. The senior running back finished with a career-best 95 receiving yards on four receptions.
- Nick Wilson set a career high with three touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving).
- Arizona's defense recorded five sacks, including 1.0 each by Scooby Wright, Dan Pettinato, Cody Ippolito, Reggie Gilbert and Derrick Turituri. That was the most sacks in a game for the Cats since registering six (6) vs. Arizona State in 2010.
- Scooby Wright turned in arguably the play of the game late in the fourth quarter. With Oregon seeking to drive the ball to tie the game, Wright strip-sacked Marcus Marriota, recording a sack, a forced fumble and a fumbled recovered to give the Cats the ball and a chance to run out the clock offensively.
- Arizona's defense registered seven total tackles for loss and held the Ducks to a 3.5 yards per carry average. Only four of Oregon's 25 first downs were picked up via the rush.
- Despite Oregon tying the game in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats never trailed in the final frame. The squad owned time of possession in the crucial moments: 10:06 to 4:54 in the last stanza.
- With three receptions, Austin Hill improved his career tally to 120 and moved into 10th-place all-time at Arizona. He has a reception in 22-straight games played dating back to the 2011 season.
- Arizona figures to move into the national rankings next week. The last time the Wildcats were ranked in the APTop 25 was for a Nov. 3 game at UCLA in 2012. Arizona, ranked No. 24, lost to No. 25 UCLA, 66-10.

Updated Records

Arizona All-Time 584-433-33

Arizona vs. Oregon 16-24

Rich Rodriguez Career 141-94-2 (21st Year)

Rich Rodriguez at Arizona 21-10 (3rd Year)

Arizona Under Rodriguez

At Home (2014) 13-4 (4-0)

On Road 6-6 (2-0)

Neutral Site 2-0 (1-0)

Non-Conference 11-0 (3-0)

Pac-12 Conference 10-10 (2-0)

Arizona Scores First 13-2 (3-0)

Opponent Scores First 8-8 (2-0)

Arizona Wins Turnover Battle 11-0 (2-0)

Opponent Wins Turnover Battle 4-8 (0-1)

Turnovers Even 6-2 (2-0)

Scores 30+ Points 20-4 (4-0)

Scores 40+ Points 11-1 (2-0)

100+ Rushing Yards 21-8 (5-0)

200+ Rushing Yards 17-3 (4-0)

500+ Total Offense Yards 12-4 (3-0)